



green party of alaska

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Use the power of your vote for positive political change!

Help Greens build a better Alaska future with healthy communities, sustainable economies and a clean environment.

The Green Party invites all Alaskans to a new kind of politics that finds creative solutions to difficult problems using the empowering process of consensus. Young people are invited to join the Green Party, with full participation, before reaching voting age as part of a needed voice for a better future.

Instant Runoff Voting is used to elect Green Party officers in multi-candidate elections; assuring voters have maximum power to show majority support for a candidate without requiring a runoff vote.

The Green Party utilizes guiding principles for its actions, expressed through “10 Key Values.”

*Community-based Economics ♦ Grassroots Democracy ♦ Ecological Wisdom ♦ Future Focus ♦ Decentralization
Respect for Diversity ♦ Feminism ♦ Global Responsibility ♦ Personal/Social Responsibility/Social Justice ♦ Nonviolence*

The Green Party is values-based, empowering Alaskans to solve our most serious problems through grassroots political action.

Fiscal Plan: Enact an oil windfall profits tax above \$18 per barrel, as we've suggested since 2000. It would equalize state and oil company profits during high prices and would have provided a \$2 billion surplus if it had been enacted three years ago. Taxes should be raised fairly so everyone helps by paying a little including corporations, tourists, summer workers and residents. The fairest way to tap dividends is through a graduated income tax, not an unfair taking of equal amounts from PFD's which hurts low income Alaskans.

Health Care: Implement Canadian-style single payer health care system so *all* Alaskans can get the health care they need from the doctor they choose, first proposed by the Green Party in 1990. Comprehensive care, prescriptions, education, exams and early intervention will build healthier communities.

Democracy: Get big special interest money out of politics, implement public financing of clean elections like ME, MA and AZ. Eliminate special interest contributions. Out-of-State contributions should not be allowed.

Education: Repeal or amend “No Child Left Behind” to reward improved learning and repeal sanctions and punishments against schools. Local schools should decide how best to help students succeed, not the federal gov't.

Green Economics: Gain additional economic self-sufficiency by establishing a small manufacturing economy to add value to fish and fish waste, cut and dry timber, make jewelry from gold and other products that are sustainable, environmentally safe, and beneficial to communities.

Subsistence: Guarantee continuing access to subsistence resources--the core part of all Alaska Native cultures involving special skills and knowledge, sharing and other cultural values. Resource survival and subsistence economies are top priorities. Sport and commercial uses are secondary.

Energy: Alaskans can lead the nation to energy security through conservation, building the all-Alaska gas line to Valdez (with a spur to the rail belt), and developing hydrogen as a future fuel. Sun, wind, micro-hydro, geothermal and tidal energy provide additional potential.

Arctic Refuge: A bad economic deal for Alaskans. Almost two barrels of Refuge oil would have to be produced to equal amount of royalty profit we get from one barrel on State lands where there is a 30-40 year supply. Most natural gas lies outside the Refuge. Alaska can help provide national energy security with today's oil, tomorrow's gas and future hydrogen production and keep the Arctic Refuge wild for future generations. It's a win-win situation.

Law and Order: Spend largest sum of money on education, intervention and treatment to reduce the need for police enforcement and prisons. Implement conflict resolution, youth courts and tribal courts as better alternatives to the current adversarial court proceedings. For profit prisons should *not* be allowed.

Defense: Develop better diplomatic skills to out-think potential enemies, explore diplomatic options to avoid armed conflict whenever possible. **Stop military expenditures for unworkable, programs** like the unproven National Missile Defense System. Support our troops, bring them home ASAP from the Iraq debacle.

Support Candidates who support our values and issues! Jim Sykes, U.S. Senate www.sykesforalaska.us

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